

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

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24. (Currently Amended) The connector of claim [[23]] 32 wherein the track extends in a direction generally normal to the direction of the elongated slot in the second portion of the connecting member.

25. (Currently Amended) The connector of claim 22 wherein the entirety of the first and second portions of the connecting member are formed from one piece of material.

26. (Canceled)

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28. (Canceled)

29. (Canceled)

30. (Currently Amended) The connector of claim [[29]] 32 wherein the flanges extend in a direction generally perpendicular to the direction of the one or more slots formed in the second portion of the connecting member.

31. (Canceled)

32. (New) A connector for connecting first and second building members together and which permit the building members to move with respect to each other, the connector comprising:

- a. a track adapted to be connected to the first building member;
- b. the track being of a generally C-shape and including a back and a pair of opposed channels that extend in parallel relationship;
- c. a connecting member slidably contained in the track and movable back and forth therein;
- d. the connecting member having a first portion confined in the track and slidable back and forth therein, and a second portion extending at an angle with respect to the first portion and wherein the second portion of the connecting member extends outwardly from the track;

- e. one or more ribs formed in the first portion and extending transversely in relation to the track and generally perpendicular to the opposed channels of the track;
- f. the second portion of the connecting member including a generally flat main section and a pair of opposed flanges wherein the generally flat main section includes a front side and a back side with the back side being adapted to be disposed flush against the second building member when the connecting member is secured thereto;
- g. wherein the main section and flanges are integral and constructed from a single piece of material with the flanges being disposed generally perpendicular to the main section and projecting from the main section in a direction away from and generally opposite from the second building member when the connecting member is connected thereto;
- h. at least one elongated slot formed in the main section of the second portion and oriented such that the elongated slot extends generally parallel to the one or more elongated ribs formed in the first portion of the connecting member; and
- i. at least one fastener for extending through the elongated slot and connecting the second portion of the connecting member to the second building member.

33. (New) The connector of claim 32 including a reinforcing member extending adjacent the main section of the second portion of the connecting member and between the opposed flanges, the reinforcing member being secured adjacent the main section of the second portion of the connecting member by the one or more fasteners that secure the second portion of the connecting member to the second building member.

34. (New) The connector of claim 33 wherein the reinforcing member assumes a generally U-shape and extends in parallel relationship to the opposed flanges of the main section of the second portion of the connecting member.

35. (New) A connector for connecting first and second building members together and which permits one of the building members to move with respect to the other, the connector comprising:

- a. an elongated track adapted to be connected to the first building member, the track being generally C-shaped and including a back and a pair of opposed channels that extend in parallel relationship;
- b. a plurality of spaced apart connecting members slidably connected in the track and movable back and forth therein, each connecting member comprising:
  - i. a first portion confined in the track and slidable back and forth therein, and a second portion extending at an angle with respect to the first portion and wherein the second portion of the connecting member extends outwardly from the track;
  - ii. the second portion of the connecting member including a main section and a pair of flanges with the main section including a front and a back with the back adapted to fit flush against the second building member;
  - iii. the first and second portions of the connecting member being constructed of a single piece of material;
  - iv. the flanges of the main section of the second portion extending generally perpendicular to the main section and projecting therefrom in a direction away from the second building member

when the second portion of the connecting member is connected thereto;

- v. at least one elongated slot formed in the main section of the second portion of the connecting member; and
- vi. at least one fastener for extending through the elongated slot and connecting the second portion of the connecting member to the second building member.

36. (New) The connector of claim 35 wherein each connecting member includes a generally C-shaped reinforcing member fastened adjacent the main section of the second portion of the of the connecting member by the one or more fasteners.

37. (New) The connector of claim 35 wherein the back of the track includes a series of spaced apart ribs formed therein, wherein each rib extends transversely across the back and generally perpendicular to the opposed channels.